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Westly Sends \$331 Million in Lottery Funds to Schools

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SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly said today he will pay \$331.1 million to school districts, educational institutions and state agencies from the Lottery Education Fund.

“This funding is especially critical in light of the governor’s refusal to fully fund education to the level mandated by law,” Westly said. “I’m proud to distribute this money, but our kids deserve more.”

Payments to K-12 schools and community colleges are made to county treasurers, who distribute the money to school districts. Funds for the University of California and Hastings College of the Law are sent directly to those institutions. The funds for State departments are deposited directly in their accounts.

The Controller’s Office makes quarterly payments based on Lottery income and unclaimed on-line prizes. Proposition 20, which voters passed in March 2000, requires that a certain percentage of any increase in lottery funds over the base 1997-98 fiscal year be used to purchase instructional materials. This quarter’s payment will be issued tomorrow.

The money for the quarter ending September 30, 2005 will be distributed as follows:

	<i>Non Prop-20</i>	<i>Prop 20</i>
K-12	\$262,072,282	\$2,776,226
Community Colleges	46,413,363	765,720
California State University	11,270,307	
University of California	7,783,881	
Hastings College of the Law	50,216	
Dept. of Youth Authority	0	
Dept. of Education – State Special Schools	44,332	
Dept. of Developmental Services	0	
Dept. of Mental Health	0	
Total	<u>\$327,634,381</u>	<u>\$3,541,946</u>

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